Gary G. Waitt, et ux

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for those properties known as 204 and 204A Sudbrook Lane in the Pikesville section of Baltimore County. The Petitioners/property owners request relief from the strict application of Section 303.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a 30 ft. front yard setback, in lieu of the required 50 ft. front average setback, as more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

One of the Petitioners, Gary G. Waitt appeared, testified and was represented by attorneys, Kathryn T. May and Julius W. Lichter, Esquire. Also appearing and testifying at the hearing was Thomas J. Hoff, the Landscape Architect who prepared the site plan. Jeffrey B. Smith, Esquire and Philip T. McCusker, Esquire appeared in opposition. Collectively. they represent numerous residents of the surrounding locale.

An understanding of the subject property is appropriate. The site is 1.16 acres in net area and is divided into three lots. The front of the property, comprised of lots 1 and 2, abuts Sudbrook Lane. These lots are currently unimproved and are the subject of the requested variance. The Petitioner proposes construction of a single family dwelling on each lot. Lot 3 of the property lies to the rear of the site. It is a larger lot,

Access to this structure is from Oak Avenue. The Petitioner previously subdivided the property to create these

.689 acres in area, and is presently improved by a 2-1/2 story structure.

three lots. Further, under case No. 91-333-SPHXA, he appeared before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Timothy M. Kotroco, requesting a special exception for the use of lot No. 3 as an Assisted Living Facility for nine beds. Further, certain variances and modifications of residential transition area, buffer and setback requirements were requested. By Mr. Kotroco's Order of October 30, 1991, the subject Petition was granted. It is to be noted that that previous Petition was not contested when it came before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration. In fact, the Petitioner offered as Exhibit No. 2B a copy of an Agreement and Declaration of Covenants which were executed by the property owners and two community associations from the surrounding locale. These are the Sudbrook Club, Inc. and the Pikesville Township Association, Inc. Within paragraph 11 of the Agreement, it is confirmed that the parties voluntarily and knowingly entered into and consented to the terms of the Agreement Further, within paragraph 4, it was noted that the Petitioner intended to utilize lots 1 and 2 for construction of two single family detached dwellings in conformity with the architectural style of the existing neighbor-The Agreement further provided that Sudbrook Club and Pikesville Township Association, Inc. agreed not to oppose plans for the development of the proposed Assisted Living Facility and single family dwellings. However, notwithstanding this Agreement, the associations appeared at the hearing in opposition. As counsel for the Petitioner noted, their appearance might constitute a breach of that Agreement. However, the issue was resolved when the community associations formally dropped their opposi-

tion. However, Messrs. McCusker and Smith continued their opposition to the instant Petition, based upon their legal representation of individual neighbors of the property who were not parties to the Agreement.

As to the evidence presented, testimony was offered by the property owner, Gary G. Waitt. He stated that he has owned the subject property since 1989 and briefly described development of the Assisted Living Facility on lot No. 3. Turning his attention to lots Nos. 1 and 2, he advised that his intent was to develop two single family houses on those lots. They will be compatible to other homes on Sudbrook Lane. However, he has made no definitive plans as to the architectural style of the proposed dwellings.

Also testifying was Thomas J. Hoff, the Landscape Architect who prepared the plan. He also presented a general view of the site in its entirety and the special exception use which has been granted for lot No. 3. He noted that lot No. 1 is approximately .235 acres in area, which translates into a size of 10,253.19 sq. ft. Lot No. 2 is slightly larger, .236 acres or 10,283.66 sq. ft. Both lots are sufficiently sized for a single family dwelling under the relevant provisions of the B.C.Z.R. He also noted that both lots will maintain the prescribed side yard and rear yard setbacks. That is, Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 shows a building envelope providing a 10 ft. side yard setback for both proposed dwellings as well as a 30 ft. rear yard setback for both lots. These distances are the minimum which must be maintained as they relate to side and rear yard standards. As to the front yard, relief is requested to permit a 30 ft. front yard setback in lieu of the required 50 ft. It is to be noted that the B.C.Z.R. requires an average front yard setback based upon the setbacks of the adjacent properties on either side. In this case, the set-

back for the existing house at 206 Sudbrook Lane is 71 ft. and the setback for 202 Sudbrook Lane is 51 sq. ft. Although the average from these two dwellings is 61 sq. ft., the regulations prescribe a 50 ft. setback as the maximum which must be provided, notwithstanding the average.

Mr. Hoff also testified that strict adherence to the 50 ft. front yard setback would cause practical difficulty to the property owner and severely limit the type of house which would be constructed. Due to the limited depth of the lots, maintaining all relevant setbacks would permit a house with a depth of only 24 ft. Thus, Mr. Hoff believes that the variance requested should be granted in that it would allow a builder with sufficient flexibility to maintain the rear and side yard setbacks, while permitting the construction of a house of comparable architectural style and size with those in the area.

In opposition to the request, several witnesses testified. They included Rebecca Seidman, who lives across the street on Sudbrook Lane. She wants assurance that the architectural style of the proposed dwellings be consistent with other homes on Sudbrook Lane. Mrs. Steven S. Blum who resides immediately next to lot No. 2 at 206 Sudbrook Lane also testified in opposition. She does not want a large structure on lot No. 2 which would visually overwhelm her property.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met his burden and shown practical difficulty. Specifically, I am persuaded by Mr. Hoff's testimony that strict adherence to all setback requirements would render the lots That is, if the Petitioner were required to maintain a 50 ft. front yard setback and 30 ft. rear yard setback, the dwelling would be inappropriately narrow and not in keeping with other dwellings in the lo-

It is clear from the testimony that a granting of the variance will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good. In addition, the requested variance will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general

Notwithstanding my conclusion in this regard, however, a concern remains about the compatibility of the proposed dwellings with the existing locale. Specifically, the Zoning Advisory Committee comment from the Office of Planning raises relevant considerations. That office recommends denial of the Petition, as presented, noting that development of the lots with a 30 ft. setback would be inconsistent with other dwellings on Sudbrook Lane. In that office's view, a reduced setback would change the character of this section of Sudbrook Lane.

variance granted, to lessen the impact of said variance on the surrounding locale. I have considered carefully the evidence presented and will, therefore, impose the following restrictions. Although a variance from the 50 ft. standard will be granted, the Petitioner will be required to maintain at least a 40 ft. front yard setback. This additional 10 ft. in distance will lessen the visual impact of the proposed dwellings from Sudbrook Lane. Further, I shall require the Petitioner to maintain a setback of 20 ft. for the side yard of lot No. 1 towards No. 202 Sudbrook Lane; and, for Lot No. 2 a setback of 20 ft. for the side yard which adjoins lot No. 2, towards 206 Sudbrook Lane. That is, the proposed new dwellings must be, at least, 20 ft. from the property line towards those adjacent properties which are already developed. This will provide additional distance between the existing homes and the proposed dwellings, thereby lessening the impact of same. Further, I will require that the Petitioner maintain no more than a 35 ft. rear yard setback. The Petitioner's landscape architect testified that maintenance of a rear yard setback of at least 30 ft. was desirable from a marketing and development stand-He specifically noted most houses contain a large rear yard in that that portion of the lot is where residents pursue recreational and leisurely activities. Although that is often the case, it is to be noted that the proposed special exception use lies to the rear of the site. Also, the character of this neighborhood is such that the majority of the homes contain large front yards. Therefore, although large rear yards may $\overset{\leftarrow}{O}\overset{\leftarrow}{O}\overset{\leftarrow}{O}$ be preferable, the existence of the elderly housing facility to the rear of the lots and large front yards of surrounding properties diminish the

desirability of maintaining a large rear yard at the expense of the front

Under law, I am empowered to impose certain restrictions, to any

yard in this case. Thus, I am persuaded that the proposed dwellings should be no further than 35 ft. to the rear property line to maintain the esthetic appearance of this portion of Sudbrook Lane. Lastly, I shall add a general restriction that the proposed houses be similar in size and architectural character to the existing neighborhood. It is to be noted that the covenants entered between the community association and the Petitioner already require the dwellings to be in conformance with the architectural style of the existing neighborhood.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this <u>from</u> day of <u>CCC</u>, 1992, that a variance from Section 303.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) in accordance with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above and Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2. The minimum front yard setback for both lots No. 1 and No. 2 shall be 40 ft.

3. Lot No. 1 (204 Sudbrook Lane) shall maintain a 20 ft. (minimum) side yard setback on the north side of said lot (adjacent to 202 Sudbrook Lane.

4. Lot No. 2 (204A Sudbrook Lane) shall maintain a 20 ft. (minimum) side yard setback to the south side of said lot (adjacent to 206 Sudbrook Lane).

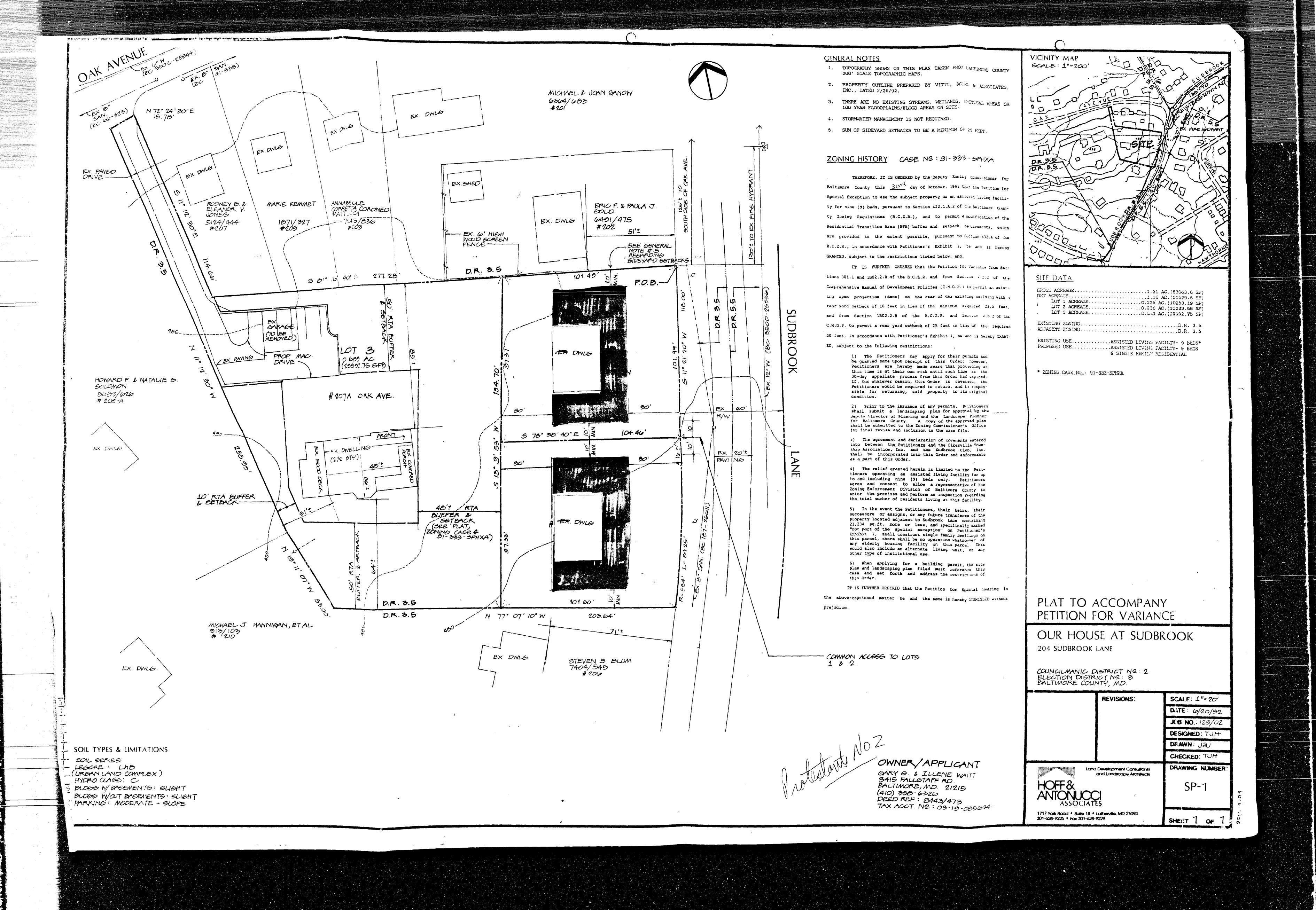
5. The proposed dwellings on lots Nos. 1 and 2 shall maintain a setback of no greater than 35 ft. to the rear property line.

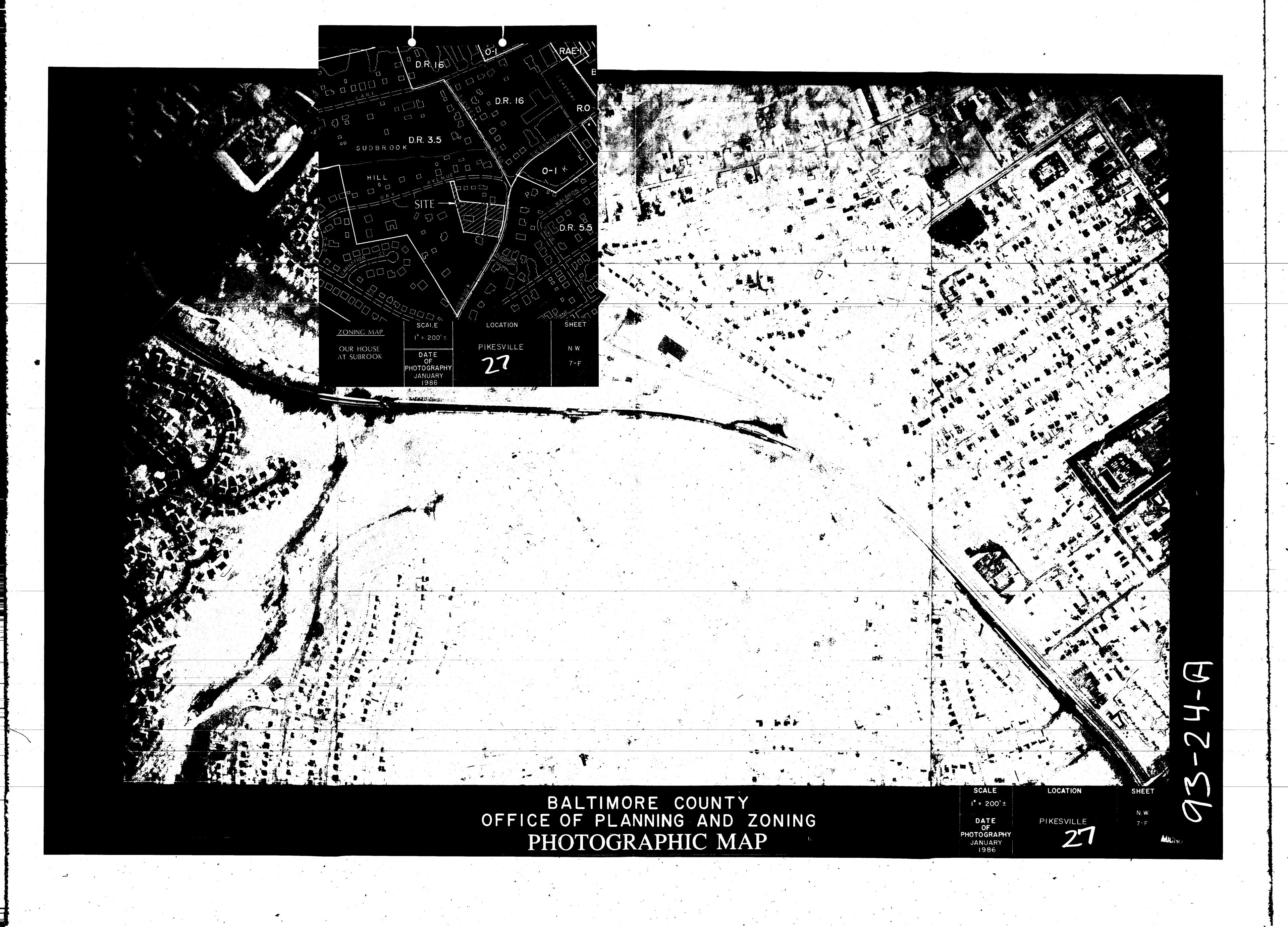
6. Any dwellings constructed on lot No. 1 and/or lot No. 2 shall be in conformity with the architectural style and size within the existing neighborhood, and construction elevation plans for said dwellings shall be submitted to the Zoning Commissioner for approval prior to the issuance of any building permits.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

October 6, 1992

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire Kathryn T. May, Esquire Levin and Gann 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 113 Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-24-A Petition for Zoning Variance Gary G. Waitt, et ux, Petitioners

Dear Mr. Lichter and Mrs. May:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mr. Thomas J. Hoff cc: Pikesville Township Assn., Inc. cc: Philip T. McCusker, Esquire

cc: Jeffrey B. Smith, Esquire cc: Rebecca Seidman

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commission #27 for the property located at 204 & 204A Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville which is presently sened DR-3.5 This Petition shall be filled with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 303.1 to permit a 30 feet front yard setback in lieu of the required 50 feet front average setback. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Strict compliance with Section 303.1 would render the lots unbuildable; additional reasons which will be presented at the public hearing. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. Whe do sciemnly deciare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Gary G. Waitt 3415 Fallstaff Road (358-6326)

305 W. Chesapeake Avenue

<u>Suite</u> 113

Towson, MD

Baltimore, MD 21215 Thy State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative Julius W. Lichter, Esq. 305 W. Chesapeake Ave (321-0600)

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

DATE: 8/10/92

(410) 887-3353

Gary G. Waitt and Ilene S. Waitt 3415 Fallstaff Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215

CASE #93-24-A (Item 27) W/S Sudbrook Lane, 125{ S of c/l Oak Avenue 204 and 204-A Sudbrook Lane (Our House at Sudbrook) 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Gary G. Waitt and Ilene S. Weitt HEARING: THURSDAY, SEPTIMBER 10, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 67.62 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FEE MOST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please forward your check via return sail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesepseke Avenue, Room 109, Townon, Maryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same peyable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to avoid delay of the immunos of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this metter is suggested.

cc: Julius W. Lichter, Esq.

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Description of "OUR HOUSE AT SUDBROOK", 204 Sudbrook Lane,

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT on the west side of

Sudbrook Lane (60' R/W) at a distance of 125 feet south of

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(2) by a curve to the right with a radius of 584.00

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(4) North 13 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East 194.70

(5) South 81 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds East 101.49

feet; to the point of beginning containing 0.471 acres of land more or less, also to be known as " Lot 1 " and

This Description has been prepared for zoning purposes

to Accompany Petition for Front Yard Setback Variance.

following courses and distances, viz:

" Lot 2 ", Minor Subdivision.

feet and an arc length of 84.25 feet;

July 20,1992

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 JULY 30, 1992

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows

CASE #93-24-A (Item 27) W/S Sudbrook Lane, 125{ S of c/l Oak Avenue 204 and 204-A Sudbrook Lane (Our House at Sudbrook) 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Gary G. Waitt and Ilene S. Waitt HEARING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Variance to permit a 30 foot front yard setback in lieu of the required 50 feet front average setback.

c: Gary and Ilene Waitt Julius W. Lichter, Esq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

September 2, 1992

(410) 887-3353

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 113 Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Item No. 27, Case No. 93-24-A Petitioner: Gary G. Waitt, et ux Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Lichter:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: August 5, 1992

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

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SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

2.A.C. MEETING DATE: August 3, 1992

ITEM NUMBER: 27

The existing assess off Oak Avenue needs to be widened to a 14 ft. paved section.

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ZONING OFFICE

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 30th day of June, 1992

Petitioner: Gary G. Waitt, et ux Petitioner's Attorney: Julius W. Lichter

DPW/Developers Engineering Division (Public Services) 08/06/92 Development Review Committee Response Form Authorized signature Denne Q. Kennely Date 8/10/92 Project Name File Number Waiver Number Zoning Issue Meeting Date ' Raymond F. And Deborah D. Borsetti 8-3-92 DED DEPRM RP STP TE Robert L. And Jeannette McElroy DED DEPRM RP STP TF Gary G. And Ilene S. Waitt DED DEPRM RP STP TE Bruce P. And India Y. Curry DED DEPRM RP STP TE Herbert B. And Edith G. Querido DED DEPRM RP STP TE Emma E. Hubbard DED DEPRM RP STP TF Arthur Thomas Ward, III DED DEPRM RP STP TE COUNT 14

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

27.ZAC/ZAC1

93-24-A

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

SUBJECT: Our House at Sudbrook

DATE: August 24, 1992

Petitioner:

Property Size:

Hearing Date:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

Zoning Administration & Development Management

Gary G. Waitt

This petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a front yard setback of 30' in

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends that the petitioner's request be

The Master Plan 1989-2000 designates Sudbrook Park as a "Community Conservation

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1.31 acres

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lieu of the required 50' front average setback.

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AUGUST 6, 1992

Baltimore County Government

Fire Department

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: GARY G. WAITT AND ILENE S. WAITT #204-204-A SUDBROOK LANE Location:

Zoning Agenda: AUGUST 3, 1992 Item No.: 27 (LJG)

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

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Department of Recreation and Parks

Development Review Committee Response Form

Authorized signature

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INTER-OFFICE	CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: September 10, 1992

SUBJECT: Our House at Sudbrook

Gary G. Waitt Petitioner: 1.31 acres

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Requested Action: Variance Hearing Date: SUPPLARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

This petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a front yard setback of 30' in lieu of the required 50' front average setback. The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends that the petitioner's request not be approved for a minimum setback of 30 feet. However, the Office of Planning and Zoning recommends that the minimum setback be at least 45 feet.

The Master Plan 1989-2000 designates Sudbrook Park as a "Community Conservation Area" which means that all new subdivisions or construction should be compatible with the existing residential structures. In order to adhere to the policies of the Master Plan this office cannot support a front yard setback of 30 feet when the adjacent residences are setback 51 feet and 71 feet. The minimum setback is 50 feet and the average front yard setback would be 61 feet. In our opinion, this reduced setback would definitely change the character of this section of Sudbrook Lane.

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214 Sudbrook Lane Pikesville, Maryland 21208 September 8, 1992

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Mr. Larry Schmidt Zoning Commissioner Room 113 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Dear Mr. Schmidt,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my Mother, Erma K. Cox. We are residents of 214 Sudbrook Lane in Pikesville and have lived there for 45 years.

Last year a Zoning Exception was requested for the property at 204 Sudbrook Lane. Being very interested in our Community we took an avid interest in the request and subsequent hearing and believed as the Community did that we would agree to the Exception since the Owners of the 204 Sudbrook property were willing, if they chose to subdivide the front parcel of the property, would conform to the general character of the Community. Now they are requesting a variance for a 30' setback versus the required 50'.

This property is 3 lots up the street from our home. All of the homes on this side of the street are a minimum of 50 feet from the street. Our home has a 70' setback and the home next to us is further back than we are. This street has a beautiful character to it with the spacious fronts which the early developers of Sudbrook Lane wisely chose.

My Mother and I would sincerely request that you deny this request for the variance inorder to continue the character of our Community.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Cox

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THIS AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF COVENANTS (hereinafter called the "Agreement") made this 700 day of October, 1991, by and between GARY G. WAITT and ILLENE S. WAITT (hereinafter called "Owner") and THE SUDBROOK CLUB, INC. (hereinafter called the "Club"), and PIKESVILLE TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter called the "Association").

WHEREAS, the Owner is the owner of certain real property containing 1.4 acres of land, more or less, acquired by Deed dated March 13, 1990 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber S.M.No. 8443 folio 473 and located in Pikesville, in the 3rd Election District of Baltimore County, Maryland, being known as 204 Sudbrook Lane, Pikesville, Maryland 21208 (hereinafter called the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Club is a community association representing residents in the area of Baltimore County, Maryland, known as Sudbrook Park; and

WHEREAS, the Association is a community association representing residents in the area of Baltimore County, Maryland known as Pikesville;

WHEREAS, a portion of the Property is improved with a single family detached dwelling (hereinafter called the "Existing Structure") and the Owner desires that this Existing Structure be permitted to be occupied by 9 elderly residents and staff persons to provide services for them;

WHEREAS, the Club and the Association have opposed the Owner's petition for zoning approval;

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Timothy: M.: Kotroco
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
111 W. Chesapeake Ave. RM. 123
Towson, Rd. 21204
Cuse# 93-24A

Dear Timothy Kotroco,
Reference is made to a zoning hearing to be held on Sept.10,
1992 at 2P.H. which deals with the request of Gary 6. Whith for a
Variance Cross 500t to 30ft. as to the front building line at 20%
Budbrook Lane.

whats ridiculous about this whole thing is, that, here we are again! On October 30,1771 we signed a covenant to end this two year long misery of the Waitts intrusion upon our neighborhood. Figuring, under duress, we would settle this money making entrepreneur/quest, who hilariously wants to develope a 1 acre lot with an already existing mansion-like house, in an already old established neighborhood. Now he has the audacity, to reappear upon the board, asking to change the already established county law of (50ft. to 30ft) and infringe on our covenant. Dragging us all again, the neighborhood associations, and residents from their work, and just making a nuisance of himself.

You yourself (Deputy Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco)said, "I will personally enforce any covenants that the associations & Waitts agree upon." This put us a little more at ease in signing any covenants with the Waitts. We gave him his business now lets stick to the rules.

Anything other than a 50ft. set back would create a very undesirable place to live, for the prospective new owners and old. I for one, (202 Sudbrook Lane) do not want someones backyard in my front

The people living on Sudbrook Lane would agree that due to the traffic that travels our road, 50ft. would be the absolute minimum tolerable. Adjacent housescare as follows: (202 Sudbrook and 206 Sudbrook). Our home (202 Sudbrook) has a 63ft. set back. Steve & Sherri Blum's home (206 Sudbrook) has a 70ft. set back. The traffic is very annoying to us all. Mr. Waitt does not live on Sudbrook Lane so he is not familiar with the traffic. I'm sure he would like to be able to sell these homes after they are built, so it would be in his best interest to make it livable and set

it back.

Lost important of all however, if the two houses are to conform to the existing neighborhood, they should both have the following characteristics:

charateristics:
-(1) The construction of the homes should be done in a traditional Colonial or Cape Cod (preferably with dormers), and having dimensions typical of houses built in the 40's or earlier. Not the 80's or 90's.

-(2) They should consist of a complete white wooden siding on all four sides. (no mixture combinations ex: siding and brick). Preferably with black shutters.

-(3) The roof should consist of either slate, cedar, or at least

a black asbestos of some sort.

-(4) The two houses should not be any deeper or wider than the houses adjacent to them.

-(5) Back and front yards should be sized compatible to existing and addacent houses.

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-(6) Houses should be well shrubbed on both sides of adjacent houses with an evergreen screen. (Brought out in the covenant).

Any construction other than this, would only stand out as an eyesore and deface our neighborhood.

Thank you, Eric & Paula Gold

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE W/S Sudbrook Lane, 125'S of DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
Oak Avenue
(204 Sudbrook Lane) OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
3rd Election District Case No. 91-333-SPHXA
Gary G. Waitt, et ux
Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

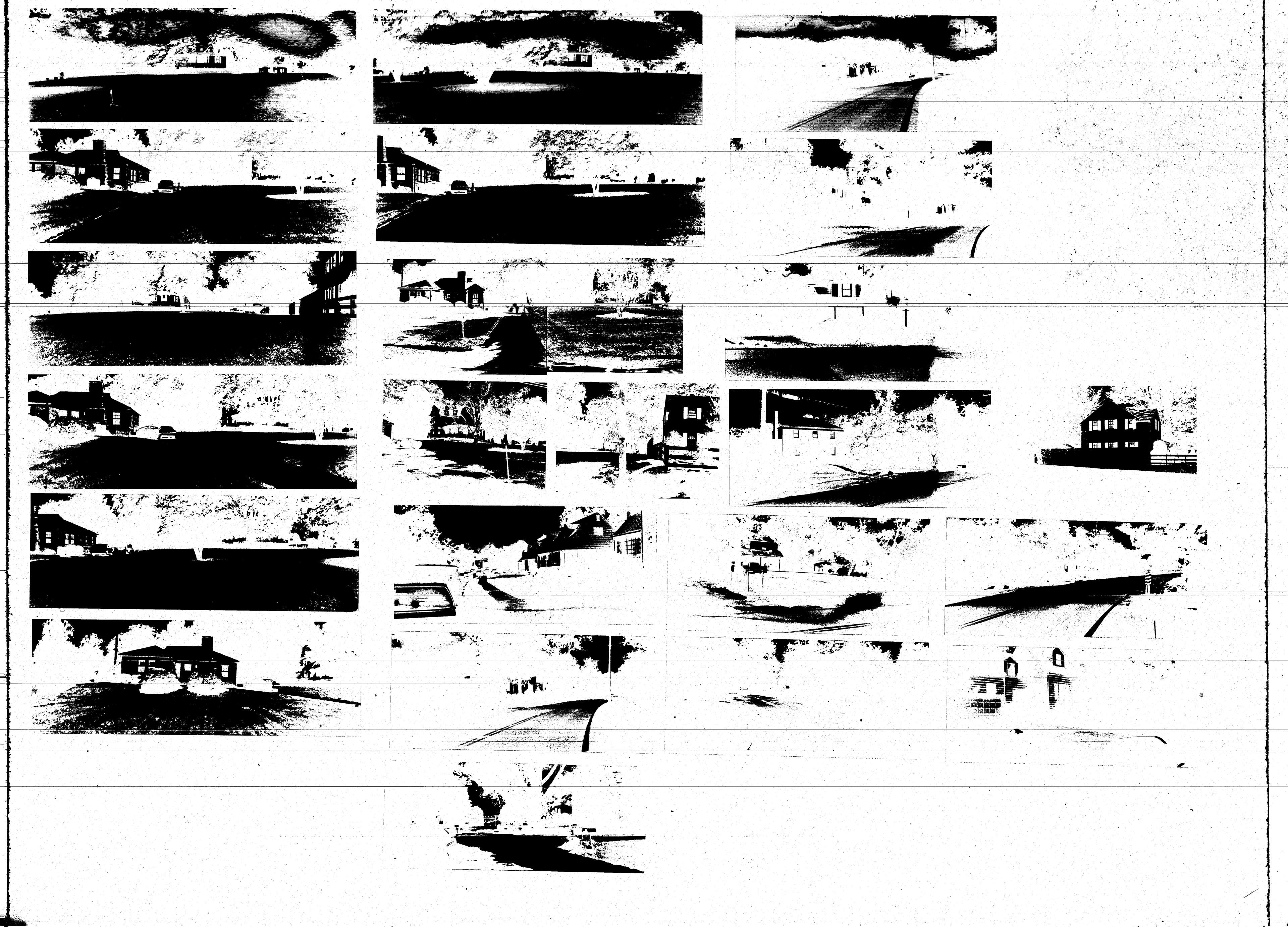
The Petitioners herein request a special exception to use the piece property for an assisted living facility of nine (9) beds, pursuant to Section 432.1.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a modification of the Residential Transition Area (RTA) buffer and setback requirements, which are provided to the extent possible, pursuant to Section 432.4 of the B.C.Z.R. Petitioners also request a variance from Sections 301.1 and 1802.2.B of the B.C.Z.R. and from Section V.B.2 of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit an existing open projection (deck) on the rear of the existing building with a rear yard setback of 10 feet in lieu of the minimum required 22.5 feet, and from Section 1802.2.B of the B.C.Z.R. and Section V.B.2 of the C.M.D.P. to permit a rear yard setback of 25 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Petitioners also requested a special hearing which was

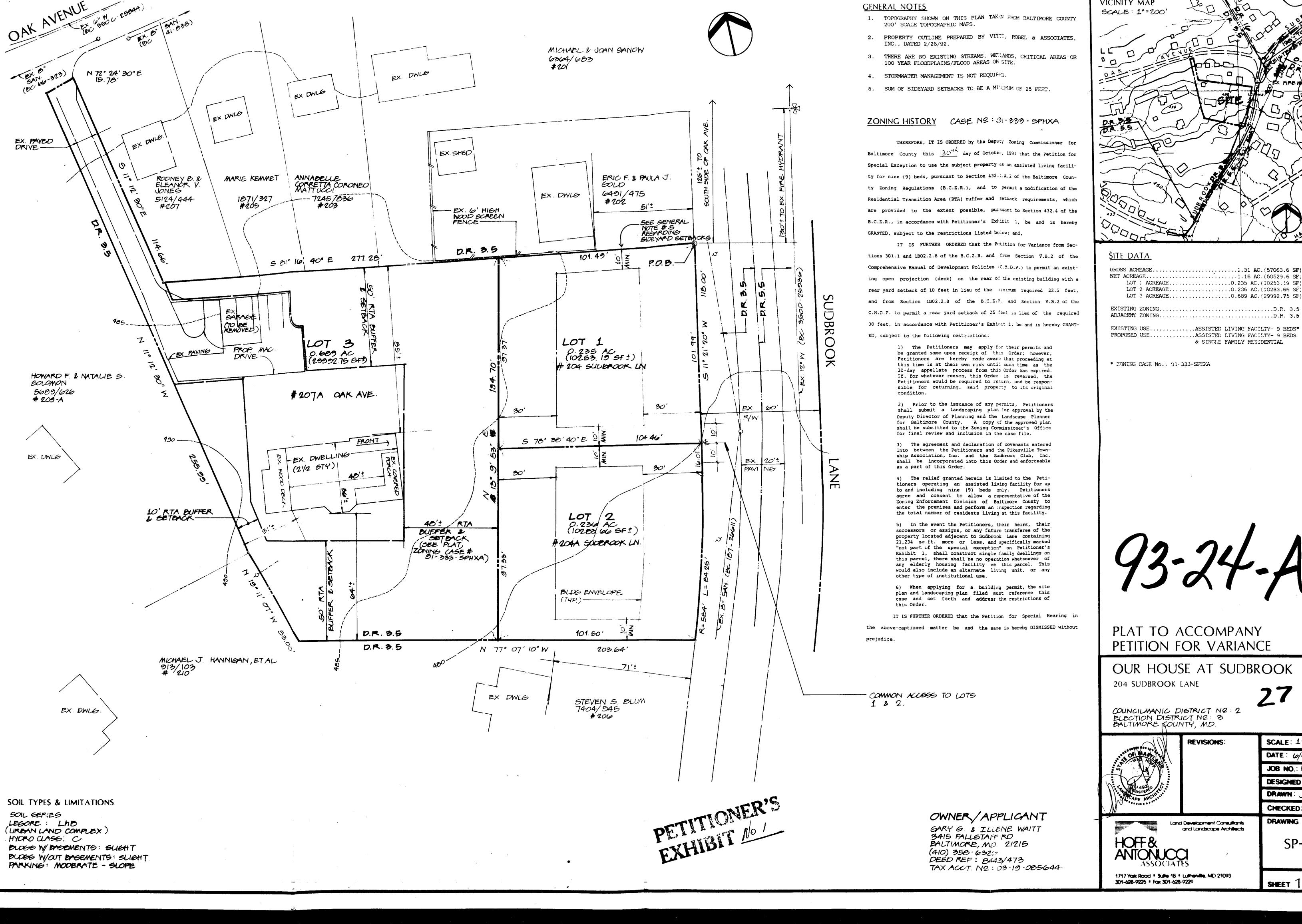
The Petitioners, Gary G. and Illene S. Waitt, appeared, testified and were represented by Julius W. Lichter, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioners were Henry Schwartz, David N. Pessin, Bernie Semon, and Robert and Trina Jacobs. Appearing as Protestants in the matter

dismissed prior to the hearing on motion by Julius W. Lichter, Esquire,

attorney for Petitioners.







VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1"=200

<u> SITE DATA</u>

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& SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

* ZONING CASE No.: 91-333-SPHMA

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR VARIANCE

OUR HOUSE AT SUDBROOK

204 SUDBROOK LANE

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO: 2 ELECTION DISTRICT NO: 3 BALTIMORE FOUNTY, MD.



REVISIONS:

SCALE: 1"= 20' DATE: 6/20/92 JOB NO.: 129/02 DESIGNED: TUH DRAWN: Jaj

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